Development of Tobacco for USA Market

2003. SHRI V. HUNUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any targets have been set for Central Tobacco Research Institute to develop varieties of tobacco suitable for USA markets;

(b) if so, the work done by CTRI, Rajamundary;

(c) whether any significant work has been done in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHD. AYUB KHAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, two flavourful tobacco varieties MC Nair-12 developed by Central Tobacco Research Institute which are already in cultivation in the light soil of West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh, are suitable for USA markets.

(c) and (d) Five exotic FCV tobacco varieties are being evaluated in the light soil of West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka to produce tobacco suitable for USA market.

Expert Committee on Hazardous Pesticides

2004. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have appointed any Expert Committee to give a report on the hazardous pesticides being made in the country;

(b) if so, the details of such expert Committee presently in operation; and

(c) the names of pesticides which are being examined by the Expert Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) Government has constituted a High Level Expert Committee to review 15 pesticides to examine their continued use or otherwise in the country.

(c) The list is in enclosed-statement

Statement

Names of pesticides under review by the High Level Expert Committee.

1. Alachlor
2. Benomyl
3. Diuron
4. Fenarimol
5. Methomyl
6. Monocrotophos
7. Oxyfluorfen
8. Phosphamidon
9. Thiometon
10. Triazophos
11. Tridemorph
12. Ziram
13. Zineb
14. Nicotine sulphate
15. Phenyl Mercury Acetate.

हरे चारे की कमी

2005. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह:** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में हरे चारे की काफी कमी है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) हरे चारे की उपलब्धता हेतु सरकार द्वारा क्या प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविंद नेताम): (क) और (ख) पर्यावरण एवं वन मंत्रालय की एकीकृत पशुचारण नीति विषयक नीतिगत सलाहकार समूह (1993) द्वारा लगाए गये अनुमान से पता चलता है कि देश में हरित चारे की उपलब्धता 744.73 मिलियन मीटरी टन की आवश्यकता की तुलना में 573.50 मिलियन मीटरी टन है। इसकी कमी के प्रमुख कारण अनाज उत्पादन के लिये कृषि भूमि पर जनसंख्या का दबाव तथा पशुओं की अंधाधुंध चराई है; जिसके फलस्वरूप पशु चराई भूमि की उर्वराशक्ति का ह्रास हुआ है।